

# Laura Cardenas

Dear NMED staff,

My name is Laura Cardenas. I am a New Mexico resident, living in Las Cruces, and I am writing because I am concerned about the risks and harms Project Jupiter poses to New Mexicans. I am submitting this comment to urge the New Mexico Environment Department to reject Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid in Doña Ana County.

I love my community and have been looking forward to buying a house and settling a family here. However, these data centers make me worry that buying a house here is now a bad investment as it will decrease in value as the quality of life, air, and water decline. The threat of this data center is reason enough to consider not buying or settling in this community.

The project's proposed fuel cell powered grid is concerning for many reasons:

It would still produce a high level of greenhouse gas and toxic pollutants

This technology generates toxic waste, and the process for handling this waste is still unclear.

Fuel cell technology has never occurred at this scale.

Surrounding communities' air will be negatively impacted by this development.

I urge the NMED to outright reject YUCCA Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid. I ask the department to please hold a bilingual public hearing near the Santa Teresa community, so that residents can learn about the risks associated with fuel cell technology.

Sincerely,

Laura Cardenas